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Algiers. All serious observers understood that, even if the Secret Army disappeared overnight, the Evian agreement could not lead quickly to a stable independent Algeria. The one million Algerians of European stock, both in Algeria itself and in metropolitan France-where most of them will end up-will be an embittered and explosive social presence. Through the Secret Army many of them are trained for paramilitary, conspiratorial and terrorist activities. It has been less widely remarked that the troops, guerrillas, commandos and terrorists of the FLN will also be an exceedingly volatile element on the African continent, south as well as north of the Sahara. What will the members of this relatively very powerful formation do with themselves when the goal of independence is achieved? It is hardly conceivable that they will agree to settle down as ordinary peasants and workers-especially under the dreary economic conditions that are sure to obtain. They will constitute a kind of revolutionary legion, apt for every sort of adventure. Already they have been training partisans for Angola, and Ben Bella has promised 100,000 men to use against Israel. The governments of Tunisia and Morocco scarcely hide their alarm at the victory of their beloved brothers-for the Algerians, scornful of those who won independence by peaceful negotiation instead of fighting and blood, see themselves as dominant in all the Maghreb.

Karachi. Among the countries where you wouldn't too much mind going to jail in, consider Pakistan. A couple of months ago, former Prime Minister H. S. Suhrawardy was sentenced to a year's incarceration under the Security Act. When he complained about the heat in his cell, the warden transferred the air-conditioning plant from his house. His food also comes from home, and newspapers are delivered daily. He has with him his two pet mynah birds and pet parrot, all three of whom are great talkers and splendid company.

Port au Prince. Under the corrupt tyranny of François Duvalier, the Negro Republic of Haiti, which divides the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, is sinking into chaos. The economy is a shambles; the tourist trade has disappeared; houses and buildings are tumbling down; telephone and electrical service periodically collapses. Under Duvalier's patronage, gangs of what are called tontons macoutes terrorize and blackmail the population. Duvalier's regime is associated in local and Caribbean opinion with Washington, which pumps in \$10 million aid annually-going mostly as rakeoffs to Duvalier's pals. This means that anti-Duvalier sentiment is automatically directed against the U.S. With the U.S.-supported Dominican government also highly unstable, and Castro rampant across a short stretch of water, the entire island may blow up soon in an anti-Yankee explosion.

London. During the past few weeks there have been dozens of rumors and counter-rumors concerning Donald

MacLean and Guy Burgess, the British Foreign Office officials who defected to the Soviet Union so spectacularly in 1951. One or both were about to return to England; they would be arrested on arrival; high British leaders were frightened by what they might say on return; Scotland Yard and M-6 were at cross purposes in the case; they never had any intention of returning. . . . Out of this welter of confusion, a Labor MP from Pembroke has brought one most curious item of hard news to the surface. Under a Treasury ruling, both MacLean and Burgess have been enjoying a status as "non-residents" under which the Bank of England has been transferring to them various funds and income.



"For all we know, Flo, there goes the Mata 'Ari of White 'all!"

Paris. "The Left," writes the noted Belgian journalist, Pol Vandromme, "is against capital punishment, which it regards as a survival of the Dark Ages. To remind us of this, the Left publishes books and holds conferences several times a year. Note that capital punishment seems inadmissible to the Left even in the case of the most Satanic deeds coming before the criminal courts, of child murderers, of the lowest, most vicious scoundrels. . . ." But the Left, almost to a man-not merely the Communists but the professors and the leading journalist-intellectuals like Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber and Claude Bourdet-has demanded the guillotine for Generals Jouhaud and Salan. Simultaneously the same Left hails the freeing and victory of the FLN leaders who directed, and in many cases personally took part in, the tortures and terror that took tens of thousands of lives, Moslem, Jewish and European, by methods too horrible for words.

Madrid. On April 25, the Spanish UN delegation officially restated to the UN Spain's claim to sovereignty over Gibraltar. Whatever the merits of Spain's case, there can be no doubt that on both legal and historical grounds it is far stronger than, say, India's claim to Goa or Indonesia's claim to West New Guinea. Nevertheless, Spain's renewed claim failed to get a hearing, much less a vote, at the UN; and it received not a line of publicity from the UN's own press services or anywhere in the world except Spain itself.

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